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NEWINGTON MAN ARRESTED IN HEROIN DISTRIBUTION RING

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE--United States Attorney for the District of New Hampshire Tom Colantuono, Portsmouth Police Chief Michael Magnant, United States Drug Enforcement Administration Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and Newington Police Chief Brad Loomis, announce the arrests of two individuals in connection with the distribution of heroin in the seacoast area. On May 6, 2004, Brian E. Mahoney, age 43, of Newington, New Hampshire, was arrested on a federal arrest warrant on a charge of distribution of heroin on or about May 3, 2004. The current charge against Mahoney carries a potential penalty of up to 20 years in federal prison. Mahoney is being held without bail pending trial.

In the early evening hours of May 6, 2004, Cilio Jiminez, age 23, of Providence, Rhode Island, was arrested by agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, and officers from the Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Police Department and the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Police Department, on a charge of possession with intent to distribute heroin. In addition to his arrest on the Rhode Island charge, a federal warrant out of the District of New Hampshire has been issued for Jiminez's arrest on a charge of conspiracy to distribute heroin. Jiminez is being held in a Rhode Island correctional facility until such time as he can be delivered to New Hampshire to appear before Magistrate Judge Muirhead.

Many law enforcement agencies worked closely together to apprehend Mahoney and Jiminez. The New Hampshire State Police Narcotics Investigation Unit, the Massachusetts State Police, the Kittery, Maine, Police, the Somersworth Police, the Dover Police, the DEA in Providence, Rhode Island, and the Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Police provided critical assistance to the DEA, the Portsmouth Police and the Newington Police in the investigation and apprehension of Mahoney and Jiminez.

United States Attorney Colantuono attributed the successful arrests of these two individuals to the collaborative effort and hard work of the multiple agencies involved. Both Mahoney and Jiminez have been charged by complaint, and have not yet been indicted by a federal grand jury. As such, a trial date has not been set. The cases are being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Howard

A complaint is only an allegation and not proof of criminal conduct. As in all cases, each defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.